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Connecticut's nonfarm employment rose by 10,400 jobs to a new high in November when production worker wages and personal income also reached record levels, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. At the same time, seasonally adjusted unemployment edged from October's 3.1 to 3.4 percent.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total employment increased to an all-time high of 1,673,600 jobs, up from 1,663,200 in October (page 2). Since November 1986 there was a gain of 38,200 jobs (2.3 percent). Manufacturing showed a slight monthly increase to 389,700 and with the November improvement was 5,200 jobs above July which was the low for the year. In nonmanufacturing, the trade category had more jobs than the previous month and last year with similar increases in finance, insurance and real estate, services and government. Monthly employment gains were recorded in 12 labor markets and jobs declined in the remaining three areas (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of factory production workers set new records at a $447.11 weekly average and $10.57 per hour (page 3) for a 42.3-hour week. This compared with $444.78 and $10.49 for 42.4 hours during October and $434 weekly and $10.26 in 1986 when the workweek was 42.3 hours. Straight-time earnings in November of $403.20 a week and $10.08 hourly were unchanged from the previous month and 3 percent above 1986 weekly and hourly wages of $391.60 and $9.79. New Britain area workers received the highest average weekly pay among the six largest labor markets at $473.28, followed by Stamford, $458.68, and Bridgeport, $454.71 (page 6).

Unemployment: November's unemployment was estimated at 56,700 or 3.2 percent, up from 52,100 and 2.9 in October (page 4). This compared with unemployment of 58,000 and 3.3 percent in 1986 and was substantially under the national November rate of 5.6 percent. When adjusted for seasonal factors, the 3.4 percent November figure was also up three-tenths of a percent from the previous month. Included in the estimate are people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force. During the January-November period, $149.3 million was paid in unemployment benefits, down from $166 million in 1986. The average weekly benefit check received by claimants during November was $164.92 which compared with $154.51 a year earlier. The balance in the unemployment compensation Trust Fund at November's end was $270.9 million, up from $199.6 in 1986.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy, personal income of state residents topped the $5.2 billion mark, manufacturing output improved and new automobile registrations increased (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Nov. 1987(P)	Oct. 1987(R)	Nov. 1986(R)	% Change Nov. '87 over Oct .'87	% Change Nov. '87 over Nov. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,673,600*	1,663,200*	1,635,400*	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Manufacturing.....	389,700*	389,200*	395,200*	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Durable.....	290,600*	290,500*	294,700*	+ 0.0**	- 1.4
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,300	7,400	+ 1.4	0.0
Primary Metals.....	14,700	14,600	13,600*	+ 0.7	+ 8.1
Fabricated Metals.....	45,500*	45,300*	45,700*	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,300*	47,800*	48,300	- 1.0	- 2.1
Electrical Equipment....	51,300	51,000	51,700	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	87,300	87,500	87,800	- 0.2	- 0.6
Instruments & Clocks....	24,000	24,000	25,600*	0.0	- 6.3
Other Durable.....	13,100	13,000*	14,600	+ 0.8	- 10.3
Nondurable.....	99,100	98,700	100,500	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Food.....	13,200	13,300	12,500	- 0.8	+ 5.6
Textiles.....	3,800	3,800	4,600	0 0	- 17.4
Apparel.....	8,400	8,200	8,700	+ 2.4	- 3.4
Paper.....	9,500	9,600	9,600	- 1.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,700	27,500	27,700	+ 0.7	0.0
Chemicals.....	22,700	22,400	22,800	+ 1.3	- 0.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,100	12,100	12,900	0.0	- 6.2
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,800	1,700	- 5.6	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,283,900*	1,274,000*	1,240,200	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Construction & Mining....	78,600	79,300	77,300	- 0.9	+ 1.7
Transportation.....	40,900	40,700	38,800	+ 0.5	+ 5.4
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,800	16,500	15,600	+ 1.8	+ 7.7
Other Transportation....	24,100	24,200	23,200	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Communications.....	19,900	20,000	19,300	- 0.5	+ 3.1
Utilities.....	13,100	13,000	12,700	- 0.8	+ 3.1
Trade.....	386,000	379,500	369,400	+ 1.7	+ 4.5
Wholesale.....	87,600	87,400	84,900	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Retail.....	298,400	292,100	284,500	+ 2.2	+ 4.9
General Merchandise....	42,200	39,100	39,800	+ 7.9	+ 6.0
Food Stores.....	53,100	52,600	51,300	+ 1.0	+ 3.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,500	33,500	31,800	0.0	+ 5.3
Restaurants.....	79,100	78,800	77,200	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Other Retail Trade.....	90,500	88,100	84,400	+ 2.7	+ 7.2
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	147,000	146,900	142,000	+ 0.1	+ 3.5
Banking.....	32,100	32,000	32,000	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Insurance.....	79,700	79,800	77,200	- 0.1	+ 3.2
Real Estate.....	14,500	14,500	13,500	0.0	+ 7.4
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	20,700	20,600	19,300	+ 0.5	+ 7.3
Services.....	392,400*	392,000*	378,500	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
Hotels.....	10,400*	10,800*	10,300	- 3.7	+ 1.0
Personal Services.....	19,800	19,700	18,900	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Business Services.....	92,200	91,700	88,400	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Health Services.....	116,000	115,500	114,400	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Law & Professional.....	34,100	34,000	31,100	+ 0.3	+ 9.6
Educational Services....	33,600	33,800	33,200	- 0.6	- 1.2
Other Services.....	86,300	86,500	82,200	- 0.2	+ 5.0
Government.....	206,000	202,600	202,200	+ 1.7	+ 1.9
Federal.....	25,600	25,300	24,200	+ 1.2	+ 5.8
State & Local.....	180,400	177,300	178,000	+ 1.7	+ 1.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$447.11	$444.78	$434.00	42.3	42.4	42.3	$10.57	$10.49	$10.26
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	458.38	444.97	447.26	42.6	42.6	42.8	10.76	10.68	10.45
Lumber & Furniture.....	353.38	358.64	335.32	40.9	41.8	41.5	8.64	8.58	8.08
Primary Metals.....	491.01	496.59	467.74	44.8	44.9	45.5	10.96	11.06	10.28
Fabricated Metals.....	429.56	435.60	409.70	42.7	43.3	42.5	10.06	10.06	9.64
Machinery.....	496.25	491.68	485.98	43.8	43.9	44.1	11.33	11.20	11.02
Electrical Equipment.....	391.78	358.29	364.15	42.4	42.2	41.1	9.24	9.13	8.86
Transportation Equipment.....	524.16	515.02	535.68	41.6	41.5	43.2	12.60	12.41	12.40
Instruments and Clocks.....	431.54	426.19	410.77	43.9	43.4	42.7	9.83	9.82	9.62
Other Durable Mfg.....	372.89	375.44	386.98	40.4	40.5	41.7	9.23	9.27	9.28
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	414.00	413.66	399.90	41.4	41.7	41.1	10.00	9.92	9.73
Food.....	424.33	414.12	383.46	43.7	42.3	38.5	9.71	9.79	9.96
Textiles.....	314.40	331.28	323.90	39.3	41.0	41.0	8.00	8.08	7.90
Apparel.....	252.70	259.52	246.65	38.0	39.5	38.3	6.65	6.57	6.44
Paper.....	493.28	474.90	467.09	44.6	44.3	44.4	11.06	10.72	10.52
Printing and Publishing.....	400.18	398.70	380.21	37.4	38.3	38.6	10.70	10.41	9.85
Chemicals.....	533.05	538.46	532.80	43.8	44.1	44.4	12.17	12.21	12.00
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	382.35	373.25	347.36	44.1	43.1	41.8	8.67	8.66	8.31
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	312.28	320.76	324.35	37.0	39.6	36.9	8.44	8.10	8.79
CONSTRUCTION.....	580.07	615.94	595.00	37.4	40.1	39.3	15.51	15.36	15.14

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Nov. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	56,700	3.2	52,100	2.9	58,000	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.4)		(3.1)		(3.6)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,500	3.6	8,200	3.5	9,700	4.2
Bristol.....	1,400	3.6	1,300	3.4	1,400	3.6
Danbury.....	4,200	3.5	3,600	3.0	3,500	3.0
Danielson.....	1,400	4.3	1,400	4.0	1,700	4.9
Hartford.....	13,000	3.0	11,300	2.6	12,400	2.9
Middletown.....	1,500	3.0	1,400	2.6	1,500	3.0
Lower River.....	500	3.0	300	1.9	400	2.7
New Britain.....	2,400	3.1	2,200	2.9	2,800	3.7
New Haven.....	8,700	3.1	7,800	2.8	8,800	3.2
New London/Norwich*..	4,600	3.4	4,400	3.3	4,400	3.3
Norwalk.....	2,100	2.4	2,000	2.3	2,000	2.4
Stamford.....	2,600	2.2	2,600	2.2	2,800	2.3
Torrington.....	1,500	3.1	1,400	2.8	1,700	3.5
Waterbury.....	4,200	4.0	3,900	3.8	4,800	4.6
Willimantic.....	600	2.1	700	2.3	700	2.2
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	6,802,000	5.6	6,845,000	5.7	7,872,000	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.9)		(6.0)		(6.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Nov. '87	Oct. '87	Nov. '86
All Items.....	345.8	345.3	330.8
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.1	+ 4.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Nov.'87	Oct.'87	Nov.'86(R)	Percent Change to November 1987 from: Oct.'87	Nov.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	203,030*	201,270*	195,900	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	60,660*	60,790*	60,510	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	142,370	140,480	135,390	+ 1.3	+ 5.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,010	25,020	25,140	- 0.1	- 0.5
Manufacturing	7,450	7,650	8,470	- 2.6	- 12.0
Nonmanufacturing	17,560	17,370	16,670	+ 1.1	+ 5.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,540	84,530	82,860	+ 1.2	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	25,250	24,930	26,250	+ 1.3	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	60,290	59,600	56,610	+ 1.2	+ 6.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,430*	22,410*	22,840	+ 0.1	- 1.8
Manufacturing	8,430*	8,420*	9,300	+ 0.1	- 9.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,000	13,990	13,540	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	486,490*	483,890*(R)	470,080*	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	95,240*	95,260*(R)	93,700*	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	391,250*	388,630*	376,380*	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	44,720	44,560	43,650	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	9,710	9,760	10,600	- 0.5	- 8.4
Nonmanufacturing	35,010	34,800	33,050	+ 0.6	+ 5.9
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,780	14,810	14,340	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	4,550	4,570	4,780	- 0.4	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	10,230	10,240	9,560	- 0.1	+ 7.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,650	67,220	65,980	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	20,480	20,370	21,580	+ 0.5	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	47,170	46,850	44,400	+ 0.7	+ 6.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	256,580	254,560	249,870*	+ 0.8	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	46,770	46,330	47,920*	+ 0.9	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	209,810	208,230	201,950*	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,060	117,950	115,240	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	33,840	33,900	34,580	- 0.2	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	84,220	84,050	80,660	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	76,450	76,100	74,820	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	20,420	20,450	20,940	- 0.1	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	56,030	55,650	53,880	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,840	127,020	125,160	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	23,990	23,800	25,230	+ 0.8	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	103,850	103,220	99,930	+ 0.6	+ 3.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Nov.'87	Oct.'87	Nov.'86(R)	Percent Change to November 1987 from: Oct.'87	Nov.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,390	32,580	31,340	- 0.6	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	7,070	7,210	7,200	- 1.9	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	25,320	25,370	24,140	- 0.2	+ 4.9
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	88,370	87,440	86,390*	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	23,360	23,280	24,810*	+ 0.3	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	65,010	64,160	61,580	+ 1.3	+ 5.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,800	23,710	23,280	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	2,010	2,010	2,040	0.0	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	21,790	21,700	21,240	+ 0.5	+ 2.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Bridgeport	$454.71	$460.48	$437.43	41.3	41.9	41.7	$11.01	$10.99	$10.49
Hartford	451.50	447.91	444.37	42.0	41.9	42.2	10.75	10.69	10.53
New Britain	473.28	476.33	459.03	43.5	43.7	42.9	10.88	10.90	10.70
New Haven	407.23	407.63	409.19	40.2	40.2	41.5	10.13	10.14	9.86
Stamford	458.68	459.82	458.02	40.2	40.3	41.3	11.41	11.41	11.09
Waterbury	394.85	388.25	372.38	43.2	42.9	43.3	9.14	9.05	8.60

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	$4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6	1636.9	5938	3876	4.0	3.5	5001.4
Feb....	1613.4	1639.6	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5035.0
Mar....	1625.1	1641.5	2668	3610	3.8	3.7	5044.3
Apr....	1638.6	1638.6	2592	3112	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1648.8	1640.6	2455	3260	3.1	3.3	5063.6
Jun....	1664.2	1644.5	2861	2990	3.2	3.2	5087.8
Jul....	1644.5	1651.1	4588	3204	3.4	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1640.5	1653.7	2739	2952	3.2	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1655.4	1650.4	1789	2867	2.8	3.0	5144.9
Oct....	1663.2(R)	1653.3(R)	1952	2641	2.9	3.1	5172.9(R)
Nov....	1673.6(P)	1658.7(P)	2318	2692	3.2	3.4	5212.3(P)
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	12036	15942	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....	12797	11893	42.0	41.8	132.1	126.9
Apr....	14894	14761	41.6	41.6	130.8	126.0
May....	11027	10492	41.8	42.0	132.0	127.9
Jun....	11862	10735	41.9	41.9	129.1	125.1
Jul....	15214	16700	41.8	42.1	105.5	122.5
Aug....	12547	10779	41.8	42.4	108.5	124.3
Sep....	17917	16729	42.0	42.0	127.7	124.3
Oct.	12587	13071	42.4	42.4	130.4	126.6
Nov....	14508	13225	42.3	41.9	130.5	124.9
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1972	51,737	$161,851,000	$ 92,681,000
1973	36,314	117,610,000	114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
Jan'86	39,301	$21,606,000	$ 7,426,000
Feb	33,020	19,053,000	16,808,000
Mar	30,986	19,496,000	714,000
Apr	25,332	15,528,000	35,043,000
May	21,832	12,810,000	90,339,000
Jun	22,048	12,974,000	1,662,000
Jul	24,767	13,734,000	17,325,000
Aug	24,416	12,797,000	37,543,000
Sep	19,880	12,221,000	955,000
Oct	17,903	10,473,000	10,716,000
Nov	17,918	9,912,000	19,419,000
Dec	22,003	14,980,000	755,000
Jan'87	33,123	18,946,000	5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	$ 31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,377,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (11/30/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (11/30/87)
$270.9 million

*Interest bearing r-revised

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January 1988

Economic conditions continued to improve in Connecticut during the final month of 1987 when employment was at record levels, average weekly production wages and personal income reached new highs and unemployment dropped, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm payrolls rose to a record 1,684,500 jobs, up by 10,700 from November and 39,900 higher than 1986. There was a slight increase in manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing industries grew by 10,300 jobs over the month and 46,100 from a year earlier. Major gains were in the trade and services category. Seasonal conditions were responsible for a 1,900 drop in construction employment, while finance, insurance and real estate and government each added 600 jobs. Thirteen labor markets recorded increased employment and there was a decline in two.

The average weekly wage of $460.08 at $10.65 per hour for factory production workers was an all-time high. The workweek was extended to 43.2 hours, up from 42.3 in November and 42.4 hours in 1986. Earnings for straight-time were $402.80 and $10.07, up 2.3 percent from $393.60 weekly and $9.84 an hour the year before. Workers in the New Britain area received the highest weekly wage, $485.89, followed by Bristol, $484.63; Middletown, $482.45; Stamford, $482.31; New London/Norwich, $473.75 and Hartford, $473.70.

Unemployment: There was a drop of 900 in unemployment to 55,800 and the actual rate dipped one-tenth to 3.1 percent in December, down from 3.2 in November and 3.4 percent a year ago. The monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased three-tenths, to 3.1 percent. It was 3.4 percent the month and year before. Both rates continued well under the national figures of 5.4 and 5.8 percent. The unemployment estimates include people receiving compensation benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during seasonal shutdowns. Claimants received an average weekly benefit payment of $163.18 which compared with $151.58 in December 1986, and the year-end reserve in the unemployment insurance trust fund was $259.4 million, up from $185.6.

Other Indicators: There also was improvement in other economic indicators, with personal income of state residents registering a new all-time high of $5 billion, 248-million and increased registrations for new automobiles.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Dec. 1987(P)	Nov. 1987(R)	Dec. 1986(R)	% Change Dec. '87 over Nov .'87	% Change Dec. '87 over Dec. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,684,500*	1,673,800*	1,644,600*	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Manufacturing.....	389,500*	389,100*	395,700*	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Durable.....	290,300*	290,000*	294,900*	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,400	7,500	0.0	- 1.3
Primary Metals.....	14,900	14,800	13,600*	+ 0.7	+ 9.6
Fabricated Metals.....	45,600*	45,400*	45,700*	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,200*	47,400*	49,100	- 0.4	- 3.9
Electrical Equipment....	51,400	51,300	51,700	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	86,700	86,600	87,500	- 0.1	- 0.9
Instruments & Clocks....	23,900	24,000	25,200*	- 0.4	- 5.2
Other Durable.....	13,200	13,100	14,600	+ 0.8	- 9.6
Nondurable.....	99,200	99,100	100,800	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Food.....	13,200	12,900	12,700	+ 2.3	+ 3.9
Textiles.....	3,900	3,800	4,500	+ 2.6	- 13.3
Apparel.....	8,200	8,400	8,600	- 2.4	- 4.7
Paper.....	9,700	9,600	9,600	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,200	27,800	27,800	- 2.2	- 2.2
Chemicals.....	23,100	22,900	23,000	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,200	12,000	12,900	+ 1.7	- 5.4
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,295,000	1,284,700*	1,248,900	+ 0.8	+ 3.7
Construction & Mining....	77,000	78,900	75,200	- 2.4	+ 2.4
Transportation.....	41,000	40,700	39,100	+ 0.7	+ 4.9
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,900	16,600	15,800	+ 1.8	+ 7.0
Other Transportation....	24,100	24,100	23,300	0.0	+ 3.4
Communications.....	19,900	19,900	19,300	0.0	+ 3.1
Utilities.....	13,000	13,000	12,800	0.0	+ 1.6
Trade.....	394,400	386,100	377,900	+ 2.1	+ 4.4
Wholesale.....	88,100	87,800	85,400	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Retail.....	306,300	298,300	292,500	+ 2.7	+ 4.7
General Merchandise....	44,800	42,100	42,900	+ 6.4	+ 4.4
Food Stores.....	54,100	53,100	52,200	+ 1.9	+ 3.6
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,700	33,500	31,900	+ 0.6	+ 5.6
Restaurants.....	79,900	79,100	78,100	+ 1.0	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	93,800	90,500	87,400	+ 3.6	+ 7.3
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	147,400	146,800	142,700	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Banking.....	32,200	32,100	32,100	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Insurance.....	80,000	79,800	77,500	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Real Estate.....	14,600	14,500	13,600	+ 0.7	+ 7.4
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	20,600	20,400	19,500	+ 1.0	+ 5.6
Services.....	395,700	393,300*	381,300	+ 0.6	+ 3.8
Hotels.....	10,900	10,800*	10,400	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Personal Services.....	20,000	19,800	19,100	+ 1.0	+ 4.7
Business Services.....	92,500	91,900	89,400	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Health Services.....	117,600	116,900	114,700	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Law & Professional.....	34,400	34,100	31,400	+ 0.9	+ 9.6
Educational Services....	34,400	33,600	34,300	+ 2.4	+ 0.3
Other Services.....	85,900	86,200	82,000	- 0.3	+ 4.8
Government.....	206,600	206,000	200,600	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Federal.....	26,100	25,600	24,700	+ 2.0	+ 5.7
State & Local.....	180,500	180,400	175,900	+ 0.1	+ 2.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

(R) Revised estimate

(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$460.08	$447.11	$437.99	43.2	42.3	42.4	$10.65	$10.57	$10.33
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	474.15	458.38	449.63	43.7	42.6	42.7	10.85	10.76	10.53
Lumber & Furniture.....	360.45	353.38	326.01	41.1	40.9	40.1	8.77	8.64	8.13
Primary Metals.....	502.32	491.01	470.71	45.5	44.8	45.7	11.04	10.96	10.30
Fabricated Metals.....	440.06	429.56	406.39	43.7	42.7	42.2	10.07	10.06	9.63
Machinery.....	518.70	496.25	488.94	45.7	43.8	43.5	11.35	11.33	11.24
Electrical Equipment.....	403.88	391.78	361.42	43.9	42.4	40.7	9.20	9.24	8.88
Transportation Equipment.....	552.55	524.16	543.69	42.8	41.6	43.6	12.91	12.60	12.47
Instruments and Clocks.....	441.45	431.54	423.89	45.0	43.9	43.7	9.81	9.83	9.70
Other Durable Mfg.....	371.59	372.89	383.78	40.7	40.4	41.4	9.13	9.23	9.27
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	420.51	414.00	406.85	41.8	41.4	41.6	10.06	10.00	9.78
Food.....	421.42	424.33	385.77	42.1	43.7	38.5	10.01	9.71	10.02
Textiles.....	337.74	314.40	329.01	41.8	39.3	41.7	8.08	8.00	7.89
Apparel.....	248.41	252.70	245.50	38.1	38.0	38.3	6.52	6.65	6.41
Paper.....	490.42	493.28	478.80	45.2	44.6	45.0	10.85	11.06	10.64
Printing and Publishing.....	411.54	400.18	390.46	38.0	37.4	39.6	10.83	10.70	9.86
Chemicals.....	545.26	533.05	539.70	45.1	43.8	44.9	12.09	12.17	12.02
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	377.54	382.35	354.05	43.0	44.1	42.3	8.78	8.67	8.37
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	295.54	312.28	330.78	35.1	37.0	37.0	8.42	8.44	8.94
CONSTRUCTION.....	594.44	580.07	608.65	38.5	37.4	39.6	15.44	15.51	15.37

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Dec. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec. Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	55,800	3.1	56,700	3.2	61,200	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(3.4)		(3.4)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,100	3.5	8,500	3.6	10,000	4.3
Bristol.....	1,500	3.9	1,400	3.6	1,400	3.7
Danbury.....	3,600	3.0	4,200	3.5	3,500	3.0
Danielson.....	1,500	4.4	1,400	4.3	1,800	5.1
Hartford.....	13,900	3.2	13,000	3.0	13,700	3.2
Middletown.....	1,500	2.9	1,500	3.0	1,600	3.1
Lower River.....	400	2.4	500	3.0	500	3.0
New Britain.....	2,600	3.5	2,400	3.1	3,100	4.1
New Haven.....	8,300	3.0	8,700	3.1	8,600	3.1
New London/Norwich...	4,200	3.2	4,600	3.4	4,800	3.6
Norwalk.....	2,000	2.3	2,100	2.4	2,300	2.7
Stamford.....	2,500	2.1	2,600	2.2	2,900	2.4
Torrington.....	1,700	3.6	1,500	3.1	1,700	3.6
Waterbury.....	3,900	3.7	4,200	4.0	5,100	4.8
Willimantic.....	600	1.4	600	2.1	700	2.4
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	6,526,000	5.4	6,802,000	5.6	7,461,000	6.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.8)		(5.9)		(6.7)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Dec. '87	Nov. '87	Dec. '86
All Items.....	345.7	345.8	331.1
Percent Change From.....	xxx	- 0.03	+ 4.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Dec.'87	Nov.'87	Dec.'86(R)	Percent Change to December 1987 from: Nov.'87	Dec.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	202,730*	203,030*	197,340	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	60,320*	60,660*	60,480	- 0.6	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	142,410	142,370	136,860	0.0	+ 4.0
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,290	25,010	25,300	+ 1.1	- 0.1
Manufacturing	7,550	7,450	8,460	+ 1.3	- 10.8
Nonmanufacturing	17,740	17,560	16,840	+ 1.0	+ 5.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,870	85,360(R)	84,360	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	25,250	25,250	26,140	0.0	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	60,620	60,110(R)	58,490	+ 0.8	+ 3.6
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,540*	22,430*	22,870	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Manufacturing	8,430*	8,430*	9,270	0.0	- 9.1
Nonmanufacturing	14,110	14,000	13,600	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	489,200*	486,490*	473,120*	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	95,440*	95,240*	93,990*	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	393,760	391,250*	379,130*	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	45,080	44,720	43,930	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	9,820	9,710	10,620	+ 1.1	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	35,260	35,010	33,310	+ 0.7	+ 5.9
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,920	14,780	14,530	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	4,580	4,550	4,870	+ 0.7	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	10,340	10,230	9,660	+ 1.1	+ 7.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,930	67,650	66,100	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	20,550	20,480	21,510	+ 0.3	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	47,380	47,170	44,590	+ 0.4	+ 6.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	257,350	256,580	250,900*	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	46,610	46,770	47,970*	- 0.3	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	210,740	209,810	202,930	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,960	118,060	115,490	+ 0.8	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	34,040	33,840	34,140	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	84,920	84,220	81,350	+ 0.8	+ 4.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	76,770	76,450	75,090	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	20,390	20,420	20,820	- 0.1	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	56,380	56,030	54,270	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	128,610	127,840	126,390	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	23,870	23,990	25,380	- 0.5	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	104,740	103,850	101,010	+ 0.9	+ 3.7

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Dec.'87	Nov.'87	Dec.'86(R)	Percent Change to December '87 from: Nov.'87	Dec.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,460	32,390	31,460	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	7,050	7,070	7,080	- 0.2	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	25,410	25,320	24,380	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	89,080	88,370	87,120	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	23,510	23,360	24,690	+ 0.6	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	65,570	65,010	62,430	+ 0.9	+ 5.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,680	23,800	23,260	- 0.5	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	2,000	2,010	2,050	- 0.5	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	21,680	21,790	21,210	- 0.5	+ 2.2

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Bridgeport	$472.76	$454.71	$446.24	42.4	41.3	41.9	$11.15	$11.01	$10.65
Hartford	473.70	451.50	452.62	43.3	42.0	42.7	10.94	10.75	10.60
New Britain	485.89	473.28	460.10	44.7	43.5	43.0	10.87	10.88	10.70
New Haven	420.04	407.23	415.49	40.9	40.2	41.8	10.27	10.13	9.94
Stamford	482.31	458.68	446.56	41.4	40.2	39.8	11.65	11.41	11.22
Waterbury	399.96	394.85	377.14	44.0	43.2	43.2	9.09	9.14	8.73

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Sept. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Sept. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Sept. 1987	Dec. 1986
Bristol	$484.63	$459.65	$471.09	43.7	43.2	43.7	$11.09	$10.64	$10.78
Danbury	444.72	449.77	411.70	43.6	44.4	42.4	10.20	10.13	9.71
Danielson	374.66	379.85	367.22	40.2	40.8	41.4	9.32	9.31	8.87
Middletown	482.45	444.24	483.94	41.2	39.7	42.6	11.71	11.19	11.36
Lower River	377.01	361.12	360.36	42.6	41.7	42.0	8.85	8.66	8.58
New London-Norwich**	473.75	473.96	471.74	40.7	41.0	41.6	11.64	11.56	11.34
Norwalk	464.18	437.65	432.73	43.3	41.8	42.3	10.72	10.47	10.23
Torrington	362.52	336.18	323.59	42.5	40.7	39.9	8.53	8.26	8.11
Willimantic	402.93	404.19	477.92	40.7	40.5	46.4	9.90	9.98	10.30

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	$4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6	1636.9	5938	3876	4.0	3.5	5001.4
Feb....	1613.4	1639.6	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5035.0
Mar....	1625.1	1641.5	2668	3610	3.8	3.7	5044.3
Apr....	1638.6	1638.6	2592	3112	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1648.8	1640.6	2455	3260	3.1	3.3	5063.6
Jun....	1664.2	1644.5	2861	2990	3.2	3.2	5087.8
Jul....	1644.5	1651.1	4588	3204	3.4	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1640.5	1653.7	2739	2952	3.2	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1655.4	1650.4	1789	2867	2.8	3.0	5144.9
Oct....	1663.2	1653.3	1952	2641	2.9	3.1	5172.9
Nov....	1673.8(R)	1658.9(R)	2318	2692	3.2	3.4	5212.1(R)
Dec....	1684.5(P)	1662.9(P)	5125	2950	3.1	3.1	5248.8(P)

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	12036	15942	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....	12797	11893	42.0	41.8	132.1	126.9
Apr....	14894	14761	41.6	41.6	130.8	126.0
May....	11027	10492	41.8	42.0	132.0	127.9
Jun....	11862	10735	41.9	41.9	129.1	125.1
Jul....	15214	16700	41.8	42.1	105.5	122.5
Aug....	12547	10779	41.8	42.4	108.5	124.3
Sep....	17917	16729	42.0	42.0	127.7	124.3
Oct.	12587	13071	42.4	42.4	130.4	126.6
Nov....	14508	13225	42.3	41.9	130.5	124.9
Dec....	20320	23223	43.2	42.7	121.6	128.5

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1972	51,737	$161,851,000	$ 92,681,000
1973	36,314	117,610,000	114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
Jan'86	39,301	$21,606,000	$ 7,426,000
Feb	33,020	19,053,000	16,808,000
Mar	30,986	19,496,000	714,000
Apr	25,332	15,528,000	35,043,000
May	21,832	12,810,000	90,339,000
Jun	22,048	12,974,000	1,662,000
Jul	24,767	13,734,000	17,325,000
Aug	24,416	12,797,000	37,543,000
Sep	19,880	12,221,000	955,000
Oct	17,903	10,473,000	10,716,000
Nov	17,918	9,912,000	19,419,000
Dec	22,003	14,980,000	755,000
Jan'87	33,123	18,946,000	5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000

Federal Loans

1972	$ 31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments

1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction

1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,357,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (12/31/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (12/31/87)

$259.4 million

*Interest bearing r-revised

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Post-holiday reductions in retail trade, restaurants and hotels and other seasonal, temporary cutbacks lowered employment levels during January when unemployment was higher and personal income was at a record level, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment totalled 1,640,300 in January, representing a gain (2.3%) of 36,800 jobs from the January 1987 level of 1,603,500 (page 2). Seasonal declines in construction (8.4%), retail trade (4.5%), restaurants (7.5%) and hotels (4.4%) accounted for most of the job decrease from December's revised 1,674,500 employment estimate. Employment was lower in each labor market area for January but higher than a year earlier with the exception of Torrington where it was unchanged (pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers were $10.67 and $451.34 weekly for a slightly shorter workweek of 42.3 hours. Wages in January 1987 averaged $430.92 a week and $10.26 per hour for a 42-hour week. Computed for straight-time and a 40-hour week, statewide January hourly and weekly wages rose 3.7 percent from last year to $9.82 and $392. The highest weekly wages were paid to construction workers and those in chemicals and transportation equipment (page 3). Manufacturing workers in Bridgeport earned the highest average weekly pay at $479.25, followed by Stamford, $472.83 and Hartford, $470.42 from among the state's six major labor market areas (page 6).

Unemployment: The jobless estimate increased to 63,800 (3.7%) from December's 55,600 (3.1%). In January last year, there were 68,700 people unemployed and the rate was 4 percent. When adjusted for seasonal conditions, the unemployment rate was 3.3 percent, up one-tenth over the month, and compared with 3.5 percent last year. Unemployment between the months increased in 14 labor markets and was unchanged in Stamford. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving compensation benefits, others who were ineligible or whose payments expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Annual improvement in several economic indicators was recorded in January, with personal income at an all time high of more than $5-billion, 266-million, fewer first-time (initial) filings for unemployment benefits and a longer workweek for production employees (page 7).

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